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Dear Josh:

I remember your writing some years ago about a matter of history. This word of mouth from colleagues tells me that you have become interested in the history of genetics. This brings me to my point: is there any possibility that you might write an article of definite historical perspective in the context of microbiology?

The Editorial Board has tried to encourage some historical offerings in this journal but it is mighty hard to identify colleagues (let alone professional historians of science) who have more than a parochial interest in the history of the disciplines that relate to microbiology. It would seem to be high time that some serious attention was paid to this because a lot of important historical evidence and anecdotal illusions are disappearing through neglect or natural causes.

Even if you are not particularly in time to do anything yourself in this matter, you may have come across people who do have something to contribute and could advise me of potential sources of interesting articles.

We are not short of material but we do need some articles to give balance to the remarkable range that we have to cover. I shall appreciate and look forward to your advice.

With best regards and good wishes to you and to Esther.

Yours sincerely,

R.G.E. Murray.

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